

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising
adjusting said downlink symbol counter to account for changes
in a length L of a propagation path between said satellite
and said earth terminal.

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14. (Amended) The method of claim 4 further
comprising:

(i) transmitting a communication signal from said earth
terminal to said satellite; and

(ii) receiving a timing error from said satellite.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further
comprising:

determining an identification of said earth
terminal;

providing said identification of said earth
terminal to a network control center;

generating a synchronization channel assignment for
said earth terminal; and

transmitting said synchronization channel
assignment to said earth terminal.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising adjusting said downlink symbol counter according to a timing error received from said satellite in response to a communication signal transmitted to said satellite from said earth terminal.

37. (Amended) The method of claim 27 further comprising adjusting said downlink symbol counter to account for a length L of a propagation path between said satellite and said earth terminal.

40. (Amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:
transmitting a communication signal from said earth terminal to said satellite; and
receiving a timing error from said satellite.

44. (Amended) The method of claim 27 further comprising:
determining an identification of said earth terminal;
providing said identification of said earth terminal to a network control center;
generating a synchronization channel assignment for said earth terminal; and

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ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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11. (Amended) The method of claim [10] 1 further comprising adjusting said downlink symbol counter to account for changes in [the] a length L of a propagation path between said satellite and said earth terminal.

14. (Amended) The method of claim [7] 4 further comprising:

(i) transmitting a communication signal from said earth terminal to said satellite; and

(ii) receiving a timing error from said satellite.

18. (Amended) The method of claim [17] 1 further comprising:

determining an identification of said earth terminal;

providing said identification of said earth terminal to a network control center;

generating a synchronization channel assignment for said earth terminal; and

transmitting said synchronization channel assignment to said earth terminal.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising adjusting said downlink symbol counter according to [said] a timing error received from said satellite in response to a communication signal transmitted to said satellite from said earth terminal.

37. (Amended) The method of claim [36] 27 further comprising adjusting said downlink symbol counter to account for a length L of a propagation path between said satellite and said earth terminal.

40. (Amended) The method of claim [33] 30 further comprising:

transmitting a communication signal from said earth terminal to said satellite; and

receiving a timing error from said satellite.

44. (Amended) The method of claim [44] 27 further comprising:

determining an identification of said earth terminal;

providing said identification of said earth terminal to a network control center;

generating a synchronization channel assignment for said earth terminal; and

transmitting said synchronization channel assignment to said earth terminal.

45. (Amended) The method of claim 44 further comprising adjusting said downlink symbol counter according to [said] a timing error received from said satellite in response to a communication signal transmitted to said satellite from said earth terminal.